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SUBJECT: GOM WILL VOTE FOR UNGA RAPE RESOLUTION, BUT...

REF: A. STATE 149658

- 1B. STATE 136426
- 1C. STATE 145641
- 1D. RABAT 01679

11. (C) On November 16, MFA Chief of Staff Nasser Bourita told Polcouns that the GOM supports and would co-sponsor and vote for the UN resolution condemning rape as an instrument to achieve political/military objectives if it appeared that it would be adopted by consensus. If no consensus could be attained on the resolution, the GOM would vote for it, but would not co-sponsor. Morocco has been lobbying in favor of the measure, but the response from sub-Saharan countries is not encouraging.

12. (C) As a matter of principle, Bourita said, the GOM does not co-sponsor any non-consensus UN resolutions.

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